

Finances

Finance is always a concern to us. At present none of our churches is financially self sufficient to the extent that they are able to support a full time worker. We are able to continue employ a full time Pastor only due to the generous support of the ACGC in America. We are thankful to God for this provision.

We would however like to become "self sufficient". We do make a little progress toward this goal each year. But we need your help!

Our Treasurer can be reached at the following address:

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If you are not able to support us financially perhaps you will consider praying that God will provide for us financially.

Conclusion

We do appreciate the support we have from our brothers and sisters in New Zealand and around the world. We are praying for you as you pray for us. God has been good and has blessed us and our efforts. God continue to bless us all as we seek to serve him.

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Welcome

Greetings to all! Welcome to the first ACCONZ newsletter for 2002. We pray it will bless you all to know what God has been doing in and through us already this year.

ACCONZ on WWW

ACCONZ is now officially on the web. Philip Alexander has taken on the role of "Webmaster". You can find our site at www.acconz.org.nz. Please check back there often. It is a "work in progress" which we will continually update and improve. We want our website to be a hub around which you will be able to find information on all kinds of "Advent Christian" related activities in New Zealand. The work is a labour of love, done by Philip as time permits, but eventually we hope to have pages for **Advent Christian Missions (NZ)**, the "Contact" **Prayer Calendar**, and all our churches as well as up to date information on **ACCONZ** as an organisation.

Takanini Church

There has not been much of this year to compare with last year yet, but, what there has been is encouraging. Already this year we have some new folk to make welcome. We have opportunity to be involved in another outreach this year, combining with the churches of Papakura (On April 18th-20th). **Stuart Briscoe**, banker, Royal Marine, author of more than 40 books, and pastor, has ministered on TV, Radio

and in more than 100 countries around the world. He comes to us with a passion for evangelism and equipping the saints to take a series of meetings called, "Living A Holy LIFE". Please pray for this event as we prepare.

We are putting together a **Church Library**. We have been cleaning and painting. We have new street signs up. There are some other projects that need doing if we are to be good stewards and make ourselves look "presentable". Perhaps you can help in some way?

Takanini Niuean Church

I wonder if everybody knows that we have a Niuean congregation that also meets at 160 Great South Road, Takanini. The pastor is **John Vilisoni**. The service is held on Sundays at 12:30 (after midday). The service is in the Niuean language.

If anybody knows of any Niuean people living anywhere in Auckland, why not encourage them to come to our church and be a part of ACCONZ.

Christian LIFE Church

One of the highlights of our year at Christian LIFE Church was when **on Saturday December 1, our good friend Tia was baptised**. She chose to be baptised on a Saturday afternoon as a part of her birthday party! She had friends and family there who may not have come to a church service but were nevertheless moved by the experience. Since then Tia has been sharing the gospel with friends and family.

Thames Church of Christ

Last year **Doug Campbell celebrated 50 years as an officiating minister**. He has always served in an honorary capacity, and not always as Pastor, with the Thames

Church. Many people owe a great debt of gratitude to Doug. We pray that God will continue to bless and multiply his ministry. This year is a very special year for our Thames church. **It was 120 years ago this year that the church was founded**. God willing, the Thames folk hope to have some kind of celebration in July.

Watch this space for further details.

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There are a number of other people who maintain a lively interest in ACCONZ as individuals though not connected to any of our churches. This we want to encourage. If you know of anyone who might be interested in receiving our newsletter and maintaining an **Advent Christian connection**, let us know. Write to our secretary or contact David by email:

david.burge@acconz.org.nz

Disciple Making

We have another friend, who is considering giving his heart to the Lord. Though getting him this far has been a team effort, and all the glory goes to God who alone moves peoples' hearts by the Holy Spirit, Jachin Mandeno has played a major part in witnessing to this friend and others. Jachin is one of those whose life has been radically changed by our ministry over the last two years. After being discipled, he is now discipling others. **And so the story goes on.**

John 6:35

Jesus declared: "I am the bread of LIFE. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty" NIV